

THE
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OF
THE REVEREND ELDER
NANCY L. WILSON
AS MODERATOR
OF THE
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The Right Rev. Grant Lynn Ford
Todd Wiley

*Master of Ceremonies
Director of Music*

The Carillon Prelude

Ed Nassor, *Carillonneur*

The Organ Prelude

Scott Hanoian, *Organist*

The Choral Call to Worship

Festival Choir

The Awakening

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*Awake, awake, my soul, and sing!
The time for praise has come.
The silence of the night has passed.
A new day has begun.
Let music never die in me!
Forever let my spirit sing!
Wherever emptiness is found, let there be joy and glorious sound.
Let music never die in me!
Forever let my spirit sing!
Let all our voices join as one, to praise the Giver of the song.
Awake! Awake!
Let music live! Let music Live! Let music Live!*

The Processional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God Sing Praise

WORDS: Francis of Assisi, c 1223; trans. William H. Draper, adapted.
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng (Köln, Germany: 1623); harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams.
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*All creatures of our God sing praise, with thankful hearts your voices raise,
O sing praises! Alleluia!
O Brother Sun with golden beam, O Sister Moon with silver gleam!
O sing praises! O sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O rushing wind that is so strong, great clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing praises! Alleluia!
O rising moon, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening, find a voice!
O sing praises! O sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Free flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear,
O sing praises! Alleluia!
Fire-tongues so masterful and bright, you give us both your warmth and light,
O sing praises! O sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Dear Mother earth, who day by day unfolds your blessings on our way,
O sing praises! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruit that in you grow, let them God's glory also show!
O sing praises! O sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Most gracious, kind and gentle Death, waiting to hush our gentle breath,
O sing praises! Alleluia!
You lead us home to our dear God, following the steps our Savior trod.
O sing praises! O sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ interlude

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness,
O sing praises! Alleluia!
Praise the Creator, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O sing praises! O sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Invocation

The Rev. Elder Darlene Garner

The Welcome

The Rev. Canon William Barnwell
The Rev. Dr. Candace R. Shultis

The Words of Congratulations (*see bulletin insert*)

The Reading

The Rev. Jim Mitulski

"The Church interests us, not for itself, but certainly when it stimulates us to search for God at the wellsprings of adoration, when it prompts us to live Christ for others, and when it becomes a place of communion for the whole of humanity: not a place reserved for privileged people, for the elites of faith, but a place that is open to all of us, the poor of this earth.

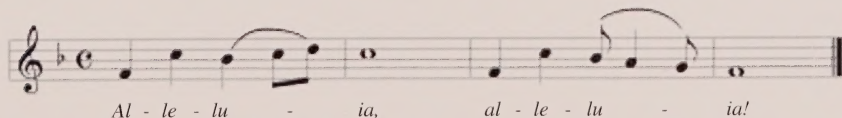
Today the Church is faced with one of the great challenges of its history. Is it sufficiently aware that it remains ... capable of being a leaven of universal communion and friendship in the whole human family?"

For this leaven to reach all of humanity, there is one thing that has to come first: reconciliation between Christians without any more delay. If they are not reconciled, how can Christians take a God of love as their reference and how can they awaken other people to God by their own lives? How can we talk about ecumenism if we do not achieve reconciliation, concretely and without delay? If we love only those who love us and who resemble us, are not unbelievers capable of doing as much? The consistency that the divisions between Christians represents takes away their credibility and turns the younger generations away from the Church."

—BROTHER ROGER OF TAIZÉ

The Gospel Procession

Alleluia



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The Gospel Luke 15:11-32

The Rev. Nathan Meckley,
Onetta Brooks and Skip Chasey

The Anthem

Unfinished World/One World

WORDS: Paul Colwell. and Pat Murphy MUSIC: Herbert Allen and Pat Murphy
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*When I think of all we've got
All the beauty that surrounds us
Like the magic of a sunset, and the children playing around us,
What a lovely, lovely, lovely place to be.*

*And like the day, turns into night
There's the other side of sunrise
Where people live in cardboard houses,
And you can't help but realize,
There's still so much to do, so far to go.*

*It's an unfinished world
And it's still in the making
It'll take all we can give
'Cause together we all live in an unfinished world*

*I just can't see, why there can't be
More heart to heart between the nations.
Oh, but we might get closer and closer
With every generation,
Take it just a little further you and me*

*It's an unfinished world
And it's still in the making
It'll take all we can give
'Cause together we all live in an unfinished world*

*Come with me, to a place of perfect harmony.
Spirit is calling, calling us all together
One world, that is what I dream of
One world, where everything is light
One world I can live in, where all is right
One people standing by each other
United they will be come strong
Blending all their voices in one song, at one time, one world.*

*'Cause together we all live, together we all live
In an unfinished world.*

The Homily

Unfinished Calling

The Rev. Elder Nancy L. Wilson

The Charge

The Rev. Elder Dr. Troy D. Perry
and representatives
of all our diverse people

The Laying On of Hands

The Board of Elders

The Giving of Gifts

*The offering collected today is designated for Metropolitan Community Church
Global Social Justice & Compassion Ministries.*

The Offertory Anthem

Upon This Rock

WORDS and MUSIC: John Ness Beck
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Festival Choir & Congregation

(including: *The Church's One Foundation*)

WORDS: Grant Lynn Ford, 2005, based on the text of Samuel J. Stone, 1866
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864 AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D

Choir:

*Upon this rock I will build my church;
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Upon this rock I will build my church;
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Upon this rock I will build my church.*

*Lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds has come.
Arise and come away; Arise and come away;
Arise, arise, arise!*

*Upon this rock I will build my church,
And the gates of hell, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!*

Congregation:

*We are from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
with Christ as our foundation: one Spirit and one Truth.
Our sight is filled with visions of what our God can do
as we heal our divisions and seek God's realm anew.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation –the awfulness of war–
we pray that every nation will seek peace evermore.
With justice our vocation and mercy our reward,
we will complete creation, our world will be restored.*

Amen.

The Eucharistic Procession

Communion

The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson
and The Rev. Elder Don Eastman

The Washing of Hands

Gregory Kurdian

The Invitation to Communion and Confession

Deacon Dan Nagel

The Great Thanksgiving

Our God be with you.

And also with you.

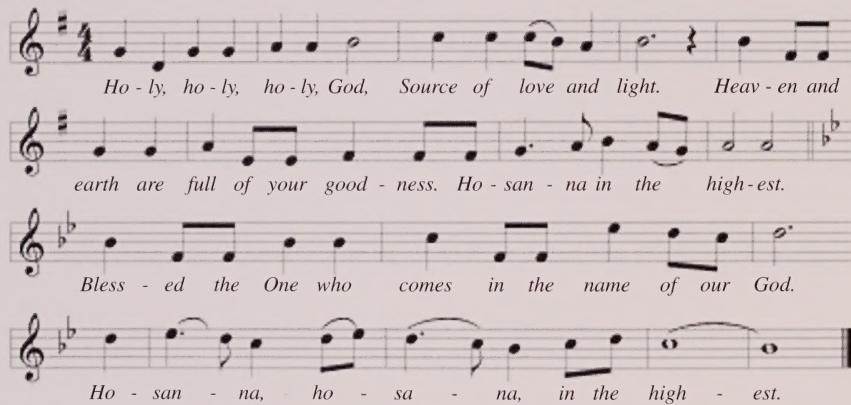
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

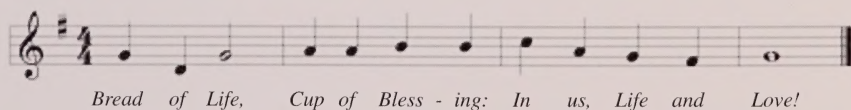
The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God, Source of love and light. Heav - en and
earth are full of your good - ness. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed the One who comes in the name of our God.
Ho - san - na, ho - sa - na, in the high - est.

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The Proclamation of Faith



Bread of Life, Cup of Bless - ing: In us, Life and Love!

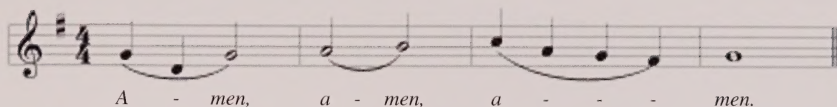
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The Affirmation of Spirit

The Intercessions

The Great Doxology

*By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, Now and forever....*



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The Model Prayer

*Dear Abba who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, thy dominion come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking and Sharing of Bread

You may be comfortably seated. The ushers will show you to the communion stations, where you will be served meaningfully and briefly. If you wish prayer and anointing, you may move to the St. Mary's Chapel next to the north transept to the left of the communion table. You may do this after you have received communion or without receiving. Prayer partners are waiting there for you.

The Closing Hymn

WORDS: Marsha Stevens, 2005 © 2005 Marsha Stevens, Balm Ministries.
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 HYMN TO JOY 87.87 D

*Come we now impassioned people, heir and outcast, bound and free,
To complete unfinished stories, to fulfill our destiny,
Finding our forgotten histories, weaving patterns from the fray,
Till one tapestry unites us, till we each have found our way.*

*Though we press to gain the prize, we find the journey full of grace,
When the world would slow our progress, we find purpose in the race.
Not a legend or a fable with a moral to impart,
We are the unfinished gospel, truth unfolding in each heart.*

*Find new healing and forgiveness, warm the bonds that once grew cold,
Value each believer's gifts, proclaim the new, revere the old,
Carry news, God offers freedom, bring Christ's light to all who search,
Not a church that has a mission, but a mission with a church.*

The Benediction

The Rev. Pablo Navarro

The Postlude

Scott Hanoian, Organist

The Peal Bells

Washington Ringing Society

Please Join Us

You are cordially invited to attend a reception
at Metropolitan Community Church
of Washington, DC
immediately following the Installation Service.
The church is located
at 474 Ridge Street, NW.

From the Tenleytown Metro Station: take the Red Line towards Silver Spring to Gallery Place Chinatown Metro Station. Change to the Yellow Line towards Mt. Vernon Square. Get off at Mt. Vernon Square-UDC Metro and walk 0.26 mile East to 474 Ridge Street NW.

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FOCUS ON THE HUMAN FAMILY

Springing from our vision and most deeply held spiritual values: inclusion, community, social action and spiritual transformation, MCC is launching a ten year campaign on October 29, 2005 in Washington, DC entitled “Focus on the Human Family.”

This campaign proposes a new era of leadership in global social justice and human rights. It will require unprecedented collaboration with other faith based and social service organizations in order that MCC’s mission is fully realized.

The campaign will reach beyond the boundaries of race, nation, gender, class, sexual orientation, age or creed. Focus on the Human Family will begin with two three-year initiatives:

- 2006-2009: Focus on HIV/AIDS reaching around the world to people of all ages living with HIV/AIDS as well as their families and caregivers.
- 2009-2012: Focus on Generations of Love - advocating for the needs of our emerging and growing families at all stages of life.

HIV/AIDS SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY

Since the earliest days of HIV/AIDS, MCC has led the way in compassionate care for People With AIDS and served as a spiritual and social catalyst for overcoming public ignorance, denial and exclusion. During the most intense decade of the epidemic in the Western World, MCC conducted more than 6,000 memorial services for people dying of complications to HIV/AIDS. Many of these individuals were refused burial by their churches or their families of origin. The now globally celebrated World AIDS Day is a direct outgrowth of the early efforts of MCC minister, Rev. David Farrell, who held the world's first HIV/AIDS Prayer Vigil in San Diego, California.

MCC has never stopped speaking out and reaching out about HIV/AIDS and will never stop until there is no more HIV/AIDS in the world. In July 2005, we launched a new global effort to mobilize and energize faith-based community activism. HIV/AIDS is now a global pandemic that, along with poverty and hunger, is threatening the continents of Africa and parts of Asia.

We want to educate and empower the largest volunteer mobilization force in the world, churches. We want to identify, develop and equip faith based organizations in every city in the 22 countries in which MCC has a site, church or community center.

MCC's HIV/AIDS Social Transformation Ministry is a two-year initiative focusing on:

- Living with hope and integrity about HIV status.
- Teaching people in MCC and beyond MCC to converse freely about HIV/AIDS, across cultural boundaries.
- Resource development for faith based organizations working with HIV/AIDS and crystal meth abuse as well as safer sex for vulnerable populations.
- Special needs of women and children with HIV/AIDS
- Providing leadership and partnership support within and beyond our communities.

Rev. Dr. Troy Perry, First Moderator and Founder of MCC, will devote the remainder of his career following retirement to preaching the good news of God's love for all people (including those with HIV/AIDS) and to public education about the needs for focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, compassionate care and a cure.

MCC is building on its legacy of HIV/AIDS ministry as:

- A partner in the First Atlanta MCC Social Transformation Fund (\$10,000 base level grant from First Atlanta Donor each year)
- A strategic alliance partner of The Names Project (MCC churches can receive panels without display fee, savings of \$500 per site)
- A supporting organization of The Campaign to End AIDS
- An alliance partner of the Yvette Flunder Foundation and Mother of Peace Orphanage in South Africa (trip to Zimbabwe in February 2006)
- A supporter of the Salvation Centre Cambodia and the children of Phnom Penh through MCC minister Rev. Greg Smith (\$1,500 base level grant in September 2005 from private donor)
- A strategic ally of the Treatment Action Campaign in South Africa
- A leader in development of faith based organizational education on the correlation of crystal meth use and HIV infection
- A publisher of resources for ministry including sermons, readings, liturgies for WorldAIDS Day
- A bold advocate for fair treatment for People With AIDS and their families to agencies, NGOs and governments in the United States and the world over.

AN INVITATION TO INVEST WITH US

We invite you to invest in the future of Metropolitan Community Church as a movement and a ministry. Rev. Chris Glaser, renowned author says, “MCC is a 21st century idea, born in the 20th century.” MCC is the type of investment that people long for, but rarely find. Our work is often completed “against all odds” and, indeed, in an increasingly hostile environment. This is not a new place for us as a community. We are experienced and effective in our approach to injustice and our compassion outreach to the excluded and disenfranchised. When you invest in MCC, you can count on boldness, indeed, fierce commitment to the core expressed in the life and love of Jesus Christ. Today, we are at a tipping point and we need your prayers and your financial support. Sociologists identify the MCC movement as pivotal in confronting the issue of sexuality and spirituality in mainstream religion and we must continue to replicate the healthy organizational DNA that makes this work possible.

Theologians believe that the next millennium requires of churches a careful framework that demonstrates the genuine commonalities of selfhood—a practice at which MCC excels.

How can you help us?

- We need to provide increased financial aid to our students.
- We need to expand our ministry programs in places where we are established and in the emerging “hot spots” of the world where oppression is deeply entrenched.
- We need to improve our technical and facility infrastructures to ensure that our first responder capacity is sustainable.

Please join us for the Focus on the Human Family Development Luncheon at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at the South Ballroom of The Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington and learn more about how you can participate in the future of MCC. If you cannot attend, go to www.MCCchurch.org for information about the following campaigns:

- Legacy League
- Founder's Circle
- Faithful 100
- Faithful 5000
- Disaster Relief
- HIV/AIDS Social Transformation
- Scholarships supporting future MCC leaders:

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson Scholarship at Claremont School of Theology

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DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

of Metropolitan Community Churches,



I am so humbled to have the great privilege and opportunity to lead MCC during this time in human history. Thank you for being present today to celebrate with all of MCC. Thank you, Rev. Perry, for your example of courage and spiritual authenticity.

I am thrilled to lead MCC into its next era, for ours is an unfinished calling:

Just as Jesus did, we continue our call to:

- Do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8)
- Explore life's questions with open hearts and minds
- Raise our voices in sacred defiance against religious (and political or systemic exclusion).
- Reach out to those with no hope.
- Lift up new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

In looking ahead to our ten year “Focus on the Human Family” campaign, Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon, Pastor of MCC San Francisco says: “When we collaborate with others around hands-on issues that are national or international in scope, it changes our identity. We are less and less ‘the gay church that wants acceptance’ but we are the gay church bringing our gifts and passion to the world. We are about the work and the gospel. We are about tikkum olam (the repair of the world). We must focus on these things, and bring our particular gifts of body, sex, gender and family to these issues, and it will become irrelevant with whom we sleep-rather, with whom we sleep will drive us forward to authenticity and solidarity.”

I couldn’t agree more. This is the time for MCC to emerge, to build on the foundations of the last 37 years and to move into our destiny, to partner with many around the world who are longing and working for justice and spiritual transformation.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson



The Reverend Elder Nancy L. Wilson

1972-1974	<i>Associate Pastor, MCC Boston, Massachusetts</i>
1974-1975	<i>Pastor, MCC Worcester, Massachusetts</i>
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1975-1979	<i>Pastor, MCC Detroit, Michigan</i>
1976-Present	<i>Elder</i>
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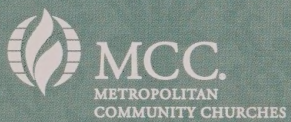
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ed. Fr. Malcolm Boyd and Chester Talton, Morehouse Press.





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